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HARRINGTON RECEIVES FUNDING FOR WASTEWATER IMPROVEMENTS

Harrington---A funding commitment from USDA Rural Development will help the city meet regulatory mandates, while doing the right thing for the environment.

The City of Harrington recently received a \$626,800 low-interest loan and \$1,702,200 grant commitment from USDA Rural Development to finance improvements to its wastewater system. The project will develop a treatment process that utilizes constructed artificial "leaky" wetlands for disposing of wastewater, and will end any further discharges to nearby Coal Creek. Completion of the project has been mandated by the Washington State Department of Ecology.

"This is an important project that will allow the City of Harrington to dispose of its wastewater in a manner that is environmentally sound," Jackie J. Gleason, Washington State Director for USDA Rural Development said. "The low-interest loan and grant funding being provided will allow the City to complete the project and minimize the financial impact on area residents," Gleason added.

Funds are provided from the USDA Rural Development Water and Waste Disposal Program. USDA Rural Development's mission is to deliver programs in a way that will support increasing economic opportunity and improve the quality of life of rural residents. As a venture capital entity, Rural Development provides equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure. Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting Washington State USDA Rural Development's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov.wa>. ###